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is the largest in Montana. Even if you do not care to make a purchase, it will New Jersey for the relief of Mrs. Delia Parrepay the trouble of a visit to take a nell. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, called up look at the glorious sight. We are quite as a special order the resolution offered by alive to the fact that there are more diamonds and watches bought at this time of the year than at any other, and therefore shall not lose the opportunity,

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the finest qua ity.

Our stock of diamonds consists of the finest grades white, brilliant and blue-white gems. No other house in Montana can beat us in quality and price.

A genuine diamond baby ring, \$2.50; a
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Bracelets, pendants, rings, studs, but tons, in fact everything that is novel, new, rich and unique, including watches clocks and silverware.

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These are the watches we make a spe Solid silver hunting watches, genuine imported movement, stem-winder and

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cases chased and engraved.

Ladies' solid gold hunting watches,
beautifully chased and engraved, stemwinder, American movement. Boys' solid silver hunting case, stem

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CARTER PAID HIS PRICE.

The Montana Man Given the Chairmanship of the Committee on Mines and Mining.

The Sequel to the Neglect of the Request Made by the Silver Convention.

Payson, of Illinois, at the Head of the Publie Lands-The Northwesterners Fare Pretty Well.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-[Special.]-As a rule the new northwestern states did well in the makeup of the committees, and except Wilson, of Washington, are pretty well satisfied with their places. Wilson wanted to go on rivers and harbors, and had many regrets when he drew Indian affairs, claims and expenses of the war department. Herman, of Oregon, was the only Puget Sound man who gets on the rivers and harbors. He wanted that place. Carter, of Montana, was especially fortunate in getting a chairmanship of the committee in which his state is interested especially, mines and mining. It is said he is the first man in thirteen years who has been familiar with practical mining questions who has had that chairmanship. He also has good positions in postoffices and post roads and coinage. He is mighty well pleased with his places. Hansbrough, of North Dakota, got the place he wanted on the irrigation committee, and while he would have preferred some other than agriculture, he is pretty well satisfied.

THE COMMITTEES NAMED.

Speaker Reed Remembers His Friends and

In the house to-day Cummings presented the petition of the governor and citizens of New Jersey for the relief of Mrs. Delia Parhim yesterday relative to the turning over of the assets in the sergeant-at-arms' office to the present sergeant-at-arms. He withdrew the resolution and substituted therefor the following: Resolved, that to enable the sergeant-at-arms to have full and pntrammeled use of his office and safe therein, the treasurer of the United States is hereby requested to take into his custody all money and other assets placed by J. P. Leedom, late sergeant-at-arms, in said safe, and keep the same on special deposit until further order of the house. The resolution was amended to pro-vide that the written consent of Leedom first be obtained, and by the addition of the provision declaring that nothing there-in contained shall be construed to effect the liability of Leedom; adopted. Luke, of Illinois was relieved from duty on the committee on elections, and Wilson, of Missouri, was appointed to fill the vacancy. The speaker then announced the standing and select committees of the house. The speaker then announced the appointment of Mason, Cogswell, Struble, Turner, of Georgia, and Wilson of West Virginia, of Georgia, and Wilson of West Virginia, as a committee to investigate the ballot ballot box forgeries under the Butterworth resolution. The committees are as follows: Bonding and currency—Dorsey, Conger, Morrill, Wilbur, Arnold, Walker, Wright, Evans, Durgan, Covert, Shiveley, Wilse Heaves

Wike, Haynes.
Coinage, weights and measures—Conger,
Wakeham, Walker, Carter, Comstock, Bartine, Knapp, Taylor, Bland, Tracy, Mutcheler, Wilcox, Williams, Joseph.
Pensiohs—Delano, Finlay, Scull, Smyser,
Vanschatk, Randall, Hill, Brown, Hender-

Yanschatk, Randah, Hil, Brown, Henderson, Martin, Barwig, Norton, Parrett.
Foreign Affairs—Hill, Ketcham, Rockwell, Morrow, Dunnell, Thompson, Scranton, Coleman, McCleary, Hooker, Chapman,

Fitch, Andrews.
Public Lands—Payson, Turner, Watson,
Hall, Dehaven, Pickler, Townsend, Holman,
Stone, McRae, Stockdale, Quinn, Carey,

Irrigation of Arid Lands-Vandever, Spooner, Hasbrough, Pickler, Connell, Wallace, Hatch, Herbert, Perry, Lanekamp, Clancy.
Immigration and Naturalization—Owen,
Brewer, Leahlbach, DeHaven, Corvert,

Cobb, Stump.
Pacific Railroads—Dalzell, Mason, Miles,

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Judiciary—Ezra B. Taylor. McCormick, Sherman, Reed, Culbertson, Gates, Rogers, Wilson, Henderson, Stewart, Georgia.
Commerce—Baker, Mason, O'Neill, Anderson, Wickham, Browne, Lind, Randall, Stockbridge, Jr., Sweeney, Campbell, Turner, Phelan, O'Neal, Wilkinson, Walker.
Merchant Marine and Fisheries—J. M. Farquhar, Hopkins, Dingley, Jr., Bingham, Banks, Platt, Wheeler, Ewart, Cummings, Wheeler, Wise, Fithian, Price.
Agriculture—Funston, Conger, Pugslay,

Agriculture—Funston, Conger, Pugslay, Allen, Brosius, Bliss, Hansbrough, Hill, Wilson, Hatch, Stahlnecker, Morgan, Mc-Wilson, Hatch, Stanmecker, Morgan, Mc-Clammay, Ferman, Crookshire, Joseph. Military affairs—Cutcheon, Rockfell, Os-borne, Spooner, Williams, Lansing, Snyder, Kingey, Spinola, Wheeler, Lanham, Wise,

Robertson, Carey, Naval affairs—Boutelle, Lodge, Watson, Wallace, DeHaven, Bolliver, Wheeler, Cole-man, Herbert, McAdoo, Whitthorne, Rusk, Elliott.

Postoffices and post roads—Bingham, Ketchum, Hopkins, Chandler, Caldwell, Evans, Carter, Wilson, Beckwith, Blount, Hayes, Anderson, Crain, Montgomery, Tur-

pin, Caine.

Indian Affairs—Perkins, Gifford, Harmer, Arnold, Boothman, Hall, McCord, Wilson, Pool, Allen, Shively, Skinner, Hare, Dubois. Territories—Struble, Baker, Dorsey, Rife, Morey, Perking, Nute, Smith, Springer, Barnes, Kilgore, Mansur, Washington, Du-

Railways and canals-McCormick, Payne. Cutcheon, Caldwell, Randall, Sweeney, Wallace, Lows, Cobb, Cate, McClellan, es and mining-Carter, Vandever,

Gest, Townsend, Kinsey, Stephenson, Stockbridge, McCord, Rowland, Whiting, Reilly Cooper, Venable, Smith.

Militia—Henderson, Houk, Henderson Patenta-Butterworth, Buchanan Si

Peters, Culbertson, Niedringhaus, Belknap, Evans, Tillman, Cowles, Buchenan, Martin, Invalid Pensions-Morrill, Sawyer, Croug, Nute, Belknap, Flick, Taylor, Wilson, Lows, Yoder, Lane, Goodnight, Turner, Lewis,

Claims—Laidlaw, Boothman, Cheadle, Finley, Ray, Ewart, Smith, Wilson, Burton, Manan, Bunn, Pendleton, Wilcox, Carlton,

Dunphy.
War claims—Thomas, Grosevenor, Brewer, monds. Culbertson, Kayler, Bolli-

ver, St. Arsh, Enloe, Spinola, Brown. Privat and claims—Caswell, Dorsey, Wickhani, Funston, Brosius, Lansing, Ewart, Mutchler, Alderson, Montgomery,

Ewart, Mutchier, Alderson, Montgomery, Pierce, Brummer, Smith.

District of Columbia—Grant, Atkinson, Post, DeGame, Snider, Burton, Moore, Hemphill, Heard, Lee, Compton, Campbell,

Ellis.
Revision of laws—Browne, Finley, Yardley, Quackenbush, Smyser, Stewart, Bergen,
Bullock, Edmunds, Paynter.
Expenditures in public buildings—Flood,
Taylor, Carroll, Chathog, O'Neil, Wiley,

hibrary-O'Neill, Stainford, Davidson Printing—Russell, Stivers, Richardson. Election of President and Vice-President

-Lodge, Rowell, Stewart, Haugen, McCo-mas, Henderson, Frank. Smyser, Seney, Buckalew, Hemphill, McCarthy, Tucker. Eleventh Census—Dunnell, McKenna, D. D. Taylor, Boutelle, Bingham, Adams, Sherman, Frank, Blount, Holman, Tillman, Washington Owens. Washington, Owens.

Indian Depredation Claims—Herman
Flood, Perkins, Pugsley, Rife, Thomas, Bartine, Biggs Allen, Hare,
Moore, Rush, Parrott.
Lobbbech Boyne

Reform in Civil Service—Lehlbach, Boyne, Butterworth, Hopkins, Greenhalge, San-Butterworth, Hopkins, Greenhalge, Sanford, Lind, Stephenson, Dargon, Stone, Alderson, Andrews, Boatner.
Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—J. D. Taylor, Struble, Sawyer, Morse, Anderson, Pickler, Kerr, Stewart, Lewis, Skinner, Quinn.
Public Buildings and Grounds—Milliken, Lehlbach, Van Schaick, Darlington, Kerr, Postills, Gifford, Dibble, Bankhead, Abbott, Clanie, Lewis

Clunie, Lewis. Education—O'Donnell, J. D. Taylor, Mc-Cormick, McComas, Grant, Sweeney, Lows, friends that he at no time had any idea of Cheatham, Candler, Caruth, Cobb, Pen-Heaving town and will give himself and Cheatham. Candler, Caruth, Coob, Februington, Geisenhamer.
Labor—Wade, Buchanan, Farquhar, Hangan, Osborne, Gest, Connell, Bliss, Candler, Davidson, Catchings, Turner, Mutenier.
Committees on expenditures in the various departments were also appointed. The other committes were announced on the 9th. Cheadle, Indiana, resigned from the committee on claims, The house then adjourned until Jan. 6.

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In the senate to day the house joint res lution donating the fixtures, furniture, etc., heretofore belonging to territorial governments to the states of Montana and Washington was presented and passed.

Among the bills introduced and referred was one by Hoar to establish a uniform system in bankruptcy throughout the United

Plumb offered a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of the interior for a statement of the cause of withholding patents for lands within the limits of the Union Pacific land grants which are free from all claims and were not reserved

at the date of definite location of the road. The senate bill to amend the census ac The senate bill to amend the census act by making the maximum pay of supervisors \$1,000 instead of \$500 was taken up, and a a letter from Superientendent Porter was read to show the inadequacy of the compensation now provided. Ingalls criticised the delay in getting out the census of 1880 and its inaccuracies.

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Sherman moved for an executive session, but yielded for further morning business.

Morgan offered a resolution calling on the president for copies of all correspondence between this country and Brazil, all papers relating to the same on file in the state department, and desired to submit some remarks. Sherces declined to submit some remarks. and its inaccuracies partment, and desired to submit some remarks. Sherman declined to yield for that purpose, and Morgan protested it was a deliberate attempt to cut off consideration of his resolution, debated yesterday. Sherman disclaimed the imputation, and after some further remarks the resolution calling the correspondence was a Spooner offered a substitute

Morgan's resolution as to the recognition of the Brazilian republic, to be referred to the committee on foreign relations. It declares the action of the prosident in according diplomatic recognition to the present provisional government of Brazil, and instructing the United States ministers to extend on the part of this government, cordial and formal recognition of the republic as soon as a majority of the people of Brazi would signify their assent to its establishment and maintenance, merited and received the unqualified approbation of con gress. After an executive session the senate adjourned until Jan. 6.

Gift Seekers

During the next and last two days left for buying Christmas presents, will find innumerable suggestions in the different departments of our house for making their selections, from inexpensive and moderate in prices to the most elegant articles, and entering our large establishment, on every side the eye is greeted with a display of lovely silks, beautiful dress goods, pretty novely silks, beautiful dress goods pretty novelties, fine sealskin coats, jackets and muffs, handsome plush and imported cloth wraps. Throughout our house everything is so nicely arranged for inspection that a pleasant impression is at once made upon our customers and friends. It is gratifying to know that our efforts to please are supercipated, and your that cift having are appreciated, and now that gift buying for the holiday season is the order of the day we are glad that we are able to suit our customers so nicely and see them carry away such quantities of our merchandise. We take stock January Ist, and as it is less trouble to count money than to calculat amount of goods on hand, you may conf dently rely on buying any article in our house now at astonishingly low figures.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23d and 24th. The low prices and fine display of diamonds and jewelry continue to attract large crowds of people to Mr. C. A. Cooper's, 111 north Main street.

SANDS BROS.

Mr. Cooper is anxious to sell a large amount of his fine goods so as to advertis business and build up an extensive trade He is located permanently in Helena and has the most select stock of fine diamonds, watches and jewelry ever before shown here His prices are extremely low and his good the finest. For unique designs and fine workmanship his entire stock is unsur-

Visitors to Helena should not fail to see his elegant display of diamonds, especially ne \$2,000 necklace. On Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 23d and 24th, his prices will be lower than ever, for on those two days he will make a special sale in order to close out the balance of his holiday stock and make room for new

Priestley's

celebrated all-wool, and silk and wool dress goods are the most thoroughly reliable black goods made. We are the only hous in Helena that can show you a full line of se goods, in which we are showing some entirely new wares in Henriettas, brocades stripes and cords, on which we will offer a count of 10 per cent for this week only.

Home for the Holidays.

The St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway will sell tickets at excursion rates from all points on its lines on Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1889, and Jan. 1, 1890.

GALLAGHER VOUCHED FOR

If the Slugger Recovers He Will Surrende to the Authorities

BUTTE, Dec. 21 .- [Special.] -At noon to day a friend of John Gallagher, who killed Geo. H. Ward in a prize fight last Sunday, called on J. H. McQueeney, chairman of the board of county commissioners, to give an account of the missing murderer. Gallagher's friend is a man of means and excellent standing in South Butte, and Mr. Me-Queeney declines to give his name. He assured Mr. McQueeney that Gallagher had been removed by his friends and concealed in a house, on account of his desperate physical condition. His left arm, which was broken in the fight, assumed such a condition that it was amputated, and his other injuries were such as to make his recovery a matter of grave doubt. In this condition of affairs, the friend said he would merely assure the commissioner that Gallagher would be produced as soon as his physical condition was such as to enable him to submit to an arrest. In the meanwhile he could not reveal his whereabouts. The standing of the gentleman in the community is such that Mr. McQueeney at once withdrew his offer of \$100 reward, offered for the apprehension of Gallagher. It is given out by Gallagher's leaving town and will give himself up as soon as he is able.

MINERAL LAND ASSOCIATION.

The Incorporators Meet and Elect Thei

The incorporators of the Montana Min eral Land association held a meeting yes terday afternoon at the Merchants hotel. After signing the by-laws the following officers were elected: President, Dr. A. H. Mitchell, of Deer Lodge; vice-president, Louis H. Hershfiled, of Helena; treasurer, R. G. Hickman, of Virginia City; secretary, Thomas G. Merrill of Helena.

The executive committee consists of: A H. Mitchell, L. H. Hershfield, A. H. Barrett, R. O. Hickman and Thomas Cruse.

The association is capitalized for \$50,000 and the arr value of \$100. Five bundred and sixty shares were subscribed for yesterday. There will be another meeting of the directors on the third Monday of next March.

PERSONAL.

S. W. Kearny, of Denver, is in the city. A. L. Loyd, of Crow Creek is in the city A. C. Glover, of Avon, arrived in town

F. W. Vreeland, of Bozeman, is visiting the capital.

Hon, W. D. Flowers returned yesterday W. D. Flowers, of Moreland, returned to

Mr. and Mrs. Maloney, of Alhambra, are at the Merchant's. J. A. Rowley, of St. Paul, arrived from the east vesterday.

T. B. Warren, of Marysville, is registered Theo. Brough, of Salt Lake City, is stopping at the Grand Central.

Judge W. I. Lippincott and "Cholly Jones came over from Butte last evening. August Nagle and family left on the Northern Pacific last night for Benecia, Cal. Con. Kohrs and family, of Deer Lodge registered at the Grand Central yesterday. R. A. Rose and wife departed for Racine, onsin, on the Northern Pacific vester

terday and is registered at the Cosmopoli-J. F. Berry, agent for the Katie Putnam Theatrical company, is at the Merchant's

W. C. Sampson, of Homestake, is visiting the city, and is registered at the Merchants

T. W. Sprague and Miss F. W. Sprague of Fetchberg, Mass., are registered at the

Grand Central JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

The Encore chorus rehearsal for Monday vening will be postponed one week on sount of the holiday festivities. Elaborite preparations are being made for the grand ball to be given by Battery A on New Year's eve. Turner hall is being handsomely decorated for that occasion.

ONLY WHITE LABOR.

Ladies Make Your Husbands Happy with a Box of Homemade Cigars.

"The Chinese must go," has been a great ery among laboring men of the west. Most of the cigars you have been smoking have been made by chinamen. In this city there is a first-class cigar manufactory, where none but white labor are employed. Swend Carlson ships none but the vesy best of im-ported and domestic tobaccos and sells only first-class goods. This is a home institu-tution and should be liberally patronized. A wife could do no better than to pur-chase a box of homemade cigars for he-husband for a Christmas present. Mr. Carlson also carries a full line of smokers articles, and is selling them cheaper than any other house in Helena. Give him a call one door south of Cruse bank.

Christmas and New Year Excursions, For the holiday season, excursion rates will be in effect on the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway to and from all

points on its lines. Tickets will be sold on the following dates: Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1889, and Jan, 1, dates: Dec. 24, 25 and 31, 1983, and 3an 1, 1890, at one and one-third fare for the round trip, except between points in Dakota and Montana, where the rate will be one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Tickets will be good for return passage up to and

including Jan. 3, 1830.

Apply for further information to agents of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba railway, or write F. I. Whitner, G. P. & T. A., St. Paul, Minn. Holiday Excursion Rates on the Montana

Central Railway. The Montana Central will sell excursion tickets between all points on their line at one and one-fifth fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25 and 31, also Jan 1, good to return until Jan. 3, B. H. Langley, Gen. Ticket Agt.

Good Enough.

A nice merchaum pipe or cigar holder would make a beautiful present to give to your husband or sweetheart. A box of domestic or imported cigars would be a very acceptable gift. Meyendorff & Wells give notice that they have an excellent line of

The Great Change Which Has Come Over the Republicans in the Past Year.

Desperate Plans Being Made in the House to Unseat Democratic Members.

The Pressure for Places in the Censu Bureau-Hale's Bill to Increase the Navy's Strength.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-Despite the fact that the tariff question was exhaustively debated in the last congress, events have moved so rapidly within the past year and public opinion has changed so greatly with the spread of intelligent information on the subject of tariff taxation, that the diffi culties in the way of reaching an agreement are much greater than at the time when the only problem before the republican party was to frame a measure pleasing to those who were undergoing the process of "fat frying" in the presidential campaign. The conditions now are very different from those which prevailed when the senate bill was framed. Some who then were crying loudest for the maintenance of the war rates are now the most zealous in favor of free raw materials. The party is by no means a unit, and wide divergences of opinion appear from day to day. Indeed, it will be a surprise if Mr. McKinley's committee suc ceeds in producing before the end of the session a bill touching the tariff schedules, which can be safely trusted in the hands of liberation returned a verdict finding his party in the house.

A Republican Programme.

It is evident that the republican leaders in congress are preparing a desperate programme in order to increase their political strength in the house of representatives; and with that end in view the committee on elections has been organized to oust not less than seventeen democratic members from their seats. A glance at some of the contests is not without interest:

Chalmers, who centests the seat of Morgan in the second district of Mississippi, was defeated by 8,161 majority at the ballot-box. Kernaghan, who contests the sent of

Hooker in the seventh district of Mississippi, was defeated by 8,330 mrjority.

Hill, who contests the seat of Catchings in the Third district of Mississippi, was beaten by 7,010 votes at the polls.

Threet, who contests the seat of Clark from the First district of Alabama, was defeated by a majority of 4,489 votes.

McDuffle, who contests the seat of Turpin in the Fourth district of Alabama, was de-

Eaton, who contests the seat of Pheian from the Tenth district of Tennessee, was defeated by 8,419 wites. Miller, who contests the seat of Elliott in ne Seventh district of South Carolina, was

defeated by 1,355 votes, Goodrich, who contests the seat of Rul-lock in the Second district of Florida, was defeated by 3.195 votes.

Featherstone, who contests the seat of Cate from the First district of Arkansas, was defeated by 1.348 votes.

Langston, who contests the seat of Venable in the Fourth district of Virginia, was

defeated by 642 votes.

Bowen, who contests the seat of Buchanan in the Ninth district of Virginia, was defeated by 478 votes.

Troubles of Porter and Palmer. 'Waist deep in congressmen" was the description given of Superintendent Porter. of the census office, this morning. He has had cause to regret that Harrison did not put his 2,500 employes into the classified civil service, as Cleveland proposed to do. Like Public Printer Palmer, who is the only other public officer with 2,500 appointments in Washington not included in the classified service. Porter has suffered the importunities of all the republican and importunities of all the republican and many of the democratic senators and rep-resentatives almost continuously since the first Monday in December. Ten, thousand persons would have been appointed in that time to the 5,000 vacancies which would have been appointed 5,000 vaca opened up had they obeyed the commands of the republican bosses. Palmer and Porter were both stout, comfortable men when the recent raid began, but each must have lost twenty pounds of flesh since, for the senators and representatives who go to the census office or the govern-ment printing office have been everywhere and exhausted all possible chances. They are desperate, and they must have what they want. They will not take no for an answer. Many of them try bulldozing. But, after all, they are not as bad as the quiet fellows who say softly: "Yes, Mr Palmer, I appreciate all your difficulties and I sympathize with you fully, but—this is an exceptional case, and I want this appointment. In fact I must have it."

To Increase the Naval Strength.

The new navy bill introduced by Senator Hale, of Maine, provides for the construction of eight heavy armored ships of war of trom 7,500 to 10,000 tons displacement; for two armored ships for coast defences; for three gun-boats of from 800 to 1,200 tons dis placement, and for five torpedo-boats of the first class. This would increase-with the Maine and Texas not yet completed-to the number of ten the armored ships-of-war of the first class, and would increase the new armored vessels for coast defense to seven, in addition to six monitors that are in read iness for this service. The flotilla of torpe do-boats would be increased to sever ery small number compared with the leets of torpedo-boats possessed by other

The Children's Christmas Club.

The children all over Washington are talking about the Children's Christmas Club-the poor chitdren about its feast and its entertainment which 4,000 of them enjoyed last Christmas, the richer ones about the ways and means to make the feast and the ways and means to make the feast and entertainment a success this year. This idea, borrowed from Portland, Me., has taken firm root in the Washington mind, so that Christmas would not be Christmas without the Children's Club. Some white house or cabinet child has usually held the presidency of the club, Miss Nellie Arthur being the first. Baby McKee is hardly old enough yet; so that one of the young daugh-

year. The white house ladies will help through as their predecessors have done.

Confirmed by the Senate Among the confirmations to-day were Lyman E. Knapp, of Vermont, to be governor of Alaska; Orville T. Porter, of Oregon, to be marshal of Alaska; John W. Meldrum, to be secretary of Wyoming; T. G. Phelps, to be collector of customs at San Francisco; D. W. Byington, to be collector of revenue for the fourth district in California, Surveyor generals: Wyoming, W. A. Riohards: New Mex'c), F. F. Hobart; Dakota, B. H. Sullivan, Receivers of public

Richards: New Mex o, F. F. Hobart; Dakota, B. H. Sullivan. Receivers of public moneys: Colorado, C. E. Goodale, Lamar; D. L. Sheets, Durango; C. E. Hogan, Derver; Wyoming, F. W. Foote, Evanston; Leroy Grant, Cheyenne; Oregon, J. T. Approson, Oregon City. Postmasters: Montana, V. A. Cook, Boulder Valley; J. G. Evans, Butte City; H. E. Housman, Missoula; S. M. Parks, Livingston; Charles Taylor, Great Falls; Thomas Treveaille, Granite.

Northwestern Nuggets.

Congressman Hansbrough to-day intro-duced a bill asking for \$500,000 to build locks and dams in the Red River of the the North to facilitate navigation and irrigate the low lands. Among the postmasters appointed to-day was the following: Oregon, N. Comegys, Blitzen, Harvey county; William S. Warner, Echo, Unatilla county; J. A. Wright, Sparta, Union county; Washington, A. H. Wheeler,

Lutak, Spokane county; D. H. Gary, Wash ongal, Clarke county. The president nominated Milton Weider as collector of internal revenue for the dis-

THE SCHOOL TEACHER GUILTY.

A Jury so Decides the Unionville Dif-The whole day was occupied in Judge Sanders' court yesterday in holding the trial of C. F. Smith, a school teacher at Unionville. A jury trial was had and after a hot contest between Attorneys Nolan and Casey and the examination of a large number of witnesses, the jury after a short de-Smith guilty. He was assessed \$10 and costs, the latter amounting to \$78.90, all of which was paid.

The school teacher was charged with assault and battery. Over one week ago Herbert and Mark Fowler, of Unionville, entered the school-room and demanded entered the school-room and demanded possession of an organ, the property of Miss Constance. Mr. Smith says he told the men they could take it away after school hours and with a shrug of their shoulders they left. They returned, however, at the appointed time, and anticipating an altereation, requested Miss Contance to remain away. The school teacher claims that when the Fowlers entered the room they at once began a tirade of abuse and called him vile names. He also claims that he was forced behind a stove to avoid being struck, and in names. He also claims that he was forced behind a stove to avoid being struck, and in self defense hit Herbet Fowler on the he id with a stick of wood. The Fowlers denied using any abusive language, but all matters of self protection were disregarded by County Attorney Nolan, who impressed the jury with the fact that it was not denied that an assault was committed and therefore the jury was redenied that an assault was committed and therefore the jury was not to believe that self protection didn't cut He Drew No Money Out of the State Tree inv figure in the case. Col. Casey defended Smith, and during the trial there were some hot exchanges between the attorneys, who resorted to abuse of each other, and it looked for a time as though a pummelling match was imminent. After the case was concluded, Judge Sanders ex-pressed the opinion to several persons that he thoughtunder all the circumstances the school teacher should have been acquitted.

THE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE. The Woman Recovers and is Sent to the

Poor Farm. Christina Douglas, who attempted suicide at the Pacific hotel night before last, had so far recovered yesterday evening as to be removed to the poor farm. She admitted that she took carbolic acid for the purpose of ending her life. When asked the reason she said she was depressed in spirits, had no friends and was destitute of means. Her jewelry had been pawned, but before going away, she sent word to her former friend, Mrs. John Howard, to redeem it. She expressed no regrets at the failure of her attempt at suicide, but seemed rather glad to be alive. She suffered very greatly while under the influence of the drug, and it is a miracle how she ever recovered. The acid taken was in a two-ouncevial, which she had kept about her for a long time. The amount taken was about an ounce, which must have been greatly reduced with water, otherwise it would surely have been fatal. She lay

tempt to take her life again. If she does it will be by some other method than carbolic Knights Templar Officers. The annual election of officers in Helena Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, was lows: held on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst., in Masonic Temple. The following are the of-

er face and hands turned black in appe

ance. It is doubtless if, after her terrible experience, Christina Douglas will ever at-

ficers for the ensuing Temple year: Eminent commander, W. N. Baldwin: generalissimo, E. D. Neil, Jr., captain-gengeneralissimo, E. D. Neil, Jr., captain-general, S. R. Douglas; senior Warden, B. W. S. Folk; junior warden, J. W. Thompson; prelate, Rev. F. T. Webb; treasurer, A. M. Holter; recorder, George Booker; standard bearer, A. Weisenhorn; sword bearer, John Moffit; warder, W. D. Smith; sentinel, John C. Major.

The Bandmann Company. To-morrow evening Herr Daniel Bandmann and company will open a week's Shakesperian season at Ming's opera house. It promises to be a series of performances fully in keeping with the important festivities of the week. Mr. Bandmann gives the assurance that his company is strong in all parts. His own reputation as an actor of sterling merit is too well known to need an eulogy for him. Everything points to a successful season for this company in this H. M. Parchen, John T. Murphy and D. A.

Our Trade

During the past season has been most thorousphly satisfactory in every particular, for which we feel very thankful to our many friends and patrons, and believe that the most convincing way of showing our appreciation is by offering the very liberal discount we are on such staple and reliable articles as our black dress goods and silks. This is an opportunity that you should not miss if you are in need of a black or silk dress.

RALEIGH & CLARKE.

The bankruptcy bill introduced by Sena-tor Hoar to-day is what is known as the Terry bankruptcy bill, approved by the commercial convention at Minneapoli's last

ANOTHER BUTTE TRAGEDY

An Old Man in South Butte Mortally Wounded by His Son-in-Law.

A Brutal Husband Whose Threat to Kill His Wife Will Cause His Death.

The Defender of His Wife's Mother Surrenders Himself to the Authorities and is Now in Jail.

BUTTE, Dec. 21 .- [Special.]-A shooting affray occurred this evening at South Butte, which will result fatally for one of the participants. Arthur O'Neill is a boiler maker at the Montana Union shops, and has been in Butte for a number of years. He is 47 years of age. He had an attractive daughter, who won the affections of E. S. Harris, a machinist in the Montana Union shops, who came here from Sweetwater about a year ago. The girl was 21 years old and Harris 25. They were married about six months ago, and lived with the old folks at South Butte. The O'Neill couple had frequent ruptures, and the husband often threatened his wife with violence. His conduct toward her was such that she went on a visit to relatives in Wy oming and remained several months away from home. This morning Mrs. O'Neill returned from Wyoming and her advent was the signal for the breaking out of a domestie row. After the unpleasant talk had prevailed for some time, Mrs. O'Neill and her son-in-law Harris, went down to the depot to get Mrs. O'Neill's trunk. While they were absent, O'Neill got violent and his eldest son, Arthur O'Neill, Jr. ran out to warn his mother that the old man was in a terrible rage. Mrs. O'Neill and Harris, however, came home and entered the house. O'Neill was there and was brandishing a 36-calibre Smith & Wesson revolver. He rushed up to his wife saying, 'Your last hour has come." This occurred at 8 o'clock this evening, after O'Neill had been drinking all day. As he spoke he fired at his wife, but missed her, the bullet passing over her head. Harris then jerked out a 45-calibre Colt's revolver and shot O'Neill twice, both bullets taking effect in the abdomen. O'Neill is still alive, but will die before morning. Harris gave himself up to the authoritis and is in the county jail.

ury Yesterday. William H. Roberts of Silver Bow, who holds down a seat in the republican rump house in the Granite block on Main street, didn't draw any money out of the state treasury yesterday. The writ which Judge Hunt issued lo State Auditor Kinney commanding him to appear in the district court yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and show cause why he refused to pay Roberts for alleged legislative services rendered still remains unanswered. Attorney-General Haskell appeared in the district court room yesterday morning when the case was called by Clerk Bean. Col. Sanders and Thompson Campbell, who appeared as counsel for Roberts sat to the left of the judge's bench ready te go ahead. The small court room contained a few spectators and several atcontained a few spectators and several at-torneys waiting to get the attention of the court. The attorney-general soon ended the suspense of the moment by stating that the state was not yet ready to take up the case and would ask for a postponement of it until 10 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday. This was agreeable to Roberts' counsel so the case will go over until next week. The at-torney general intimated that the state might ask for further continuance of the

THE JOHNSON INQUEST.

The Jury Makes a Suggestion to Railroad seven hours without showing any other signs of life than a stifled breathing, and

Companies. Coroner Rockman yesterday impannelled a jury which held an inquest over the body of Daniel W. Johnson, the Northern Pacific brakeman who died Friday from injuries received in an accident at Clough Junction. Besides rendering its verdict the jury said a few things of interest to railroad companies. The context of the verdict is as fol-

"That Dan Johnson, there lying dead, came to his death by accident. The cars of the Northern Pacific railroad company run-ning over his body, causing his death; that no blame can be attached to the company or their employes; that it was entirely acci

"On investigating this one case the jury also finds there have been other cases where railroad employes of railroad companies have been killed and buried w panies have been killed and buried without any notification made to the coroner. This jury thinks it would be proper and right that all such accidents be brought to the coroners." The verdict is signed by H. H. Brown, G. J. Ringwald, P. J. Tuohy, A. Dougherty, John D. Wilson, L. W. Spencer, foreman.

Board of Trade Officers.

The new board of directors of the Board of Trade completed the organization for the ensuing year yesterday by electing Donald Bradford secretary, T. H. Kleinschmidt treasurer, and F. R. Wallace, A. J. Steele. Cory executive committee. Treasurer Kleinschmidt's report of the financial condition of the board showed receipts for the past year of \$1,996.10 and expenses \$1.575. There is a balance of about \$5,000 n the treasury. Messrs, Holter, Floyd Jones and Klein were appointed a committee to prepare and forward to Senator Plumb and Representative Coster, a statement aboving depresentative Carter a statement showing the sums now paid for rentals of the various government offices and setting forth the urgent need of a federal building in the city.

A Blaze at Marysville,

MARTSVILLE, Dec. 21 .- [Special.]-A two story frame building owned and occupied by Chas. Wassenberg as a dwelling and tailor shop, was gutted by fire at 11:30 tonight. Loss about \$300.